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(U) Los Angeles – Man Pleads Guilty to Setting Fires During 2020 Unrest

(U) A San Fernando Valley man yesterday admitted he set a Santa Monica restaurant on fire during a period of social unrest last year and pleaded guilty to a federal criminal charge stemming from the incident. Micah Tillmon, 20, of West Hills entered the plea to one count of possession of an unregistered destructive device, according to the US attorney's office for the Central District of California. Santa Monica police detectives identified Tillmon as the suspect after reviewing security videos and social media posts, prosecutors said.

SOURCE: 2 September 2021, Los Angeles Times

(U) Los Angeles – Man Arrested for Stabbing Anti-Vaccination Protestor

(U) Los Angeles police have arrested a suspect on suspicion of attempted murder in the stabbing of an anti-vaccination protester in downtown Los Angeles last month, according to the LAPD. An investigation into a second stabbing, of a counter-protester at the same event, remains ongoing, police said. Eric Cohen, 30, of Long Beach was arrested Wednesday night after police served "multiple search warrants" in LA and Orange counties, and was being held on \$1-million bail, the department said. The stabbing was one of two that occurred during a violent street brawl between anti-vaccination demonstrators and counter-protesters near City Hall and LAPD headquarters on 14 August.

SOURCE: 2 September 2021, Los Angeles Times

(U) Yorba Linda – Activist to Face Trial for Driving Through Crowd of Protestors

(U) A Long Beach activist will stand trial on attempted murder for driving through a crowd of protestors during a violent confrontation between opposing sides at a Yorba Linda demonstration, a judge ruled yesterday. Orange County Superior Court Judge Beatriz M.G. Gordon following three days of testimony in her Fullerton courtroom determined there is enough evidence for the case against Tatiana Rita Turner, 41, to proceed to jury trial. According to courtroom testimony and videos played during the hearing, Turner got into her Nissan Sentra, as a group of more than a dozen counter-protesters gathered right next to and in front of the vehicle shouted insults at her. The video footage showed Turner accelerate, quickly stop, then accelerate again through the crowd. In the process, prosecutors say, Turner ran over a woman's head and broke a man's leg.

SOURCE: 3 September 2021, Southern California News Group

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(U) District of Columbia – Justice Department will Require Federal Agents to Wear Body Cameras

(U) Washington – The Justice Department said Wednesday that law enforcement personnel within the agency will begin wearing body cameras. The department said the usage of the cameras is the first phase of its Body-Worn Camera Program and that the devices will be worn during "pre-planned law enforcement operations." Department officials said the program begins with agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Phoenix and Detroit field divisions. They also said that over the next several weeks the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation and

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US Marshals Service will begin the first phase of the body-camera programs. The department said it plans to "rely upon Congress to secure the necessary funding to equip agents nationwide." SOURCE: 1 September 2021, Bentley Media Group

(U) District of Columbia – 'QAnon Shaman' to Plead Guilty to US Capitol Attack

(U) Washington – The man who became known as the "QAnon Shaman" is expected to enter a guilty plea in federal court this week in connection with the 6 January riot at the US Capitol, according to his attorney and the court docket. Jacob Anthony Chansley, 34, is scheduled to appear for a plea agreement hearing today, according to the US District Court for the District of Columbia. Chansley faces six charges, including felony counts of civil disorder and obstruction of an official proceeding. Chansley's image was widely circulated after the riot, when he was seen entering the Capitol wearing face paint and a furry horned and feathered hat while baring his tattooed chest. At the time, he was widely known as the "QAnon Shaman;" his lawyer said he now rejects the title after some self-reflection following his federal court case.

SOURCE: 2 September 2021, NBC News

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(U) New Zealand – Police Kill Terrorist Who Stabbed Six in Supermarket

(U) Wellington – New Zealand police shot and killed a knife-wielding "extremist" who was known to authorities today, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said, after he stabbed and wounded at least six people in a supermarket. The attacker, a Sri Lankan national who had been in New Zealand for 10-years, was inspired by the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) terrorist group and was being monitored constantly, Ardern said. The attacker, who was not identified, had been a "person of interest" for about five-years, Ardern said, adding that he had been killed within 60 seconds of beginning his attack in the city of Auckland. Police following the man thought he had gone into the New Lynn supermarket to do some shopping but picked up a knife from a display and started "running around like a lunatic" stabbing people.

SOURCE: 3 September 2021, Reuters

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